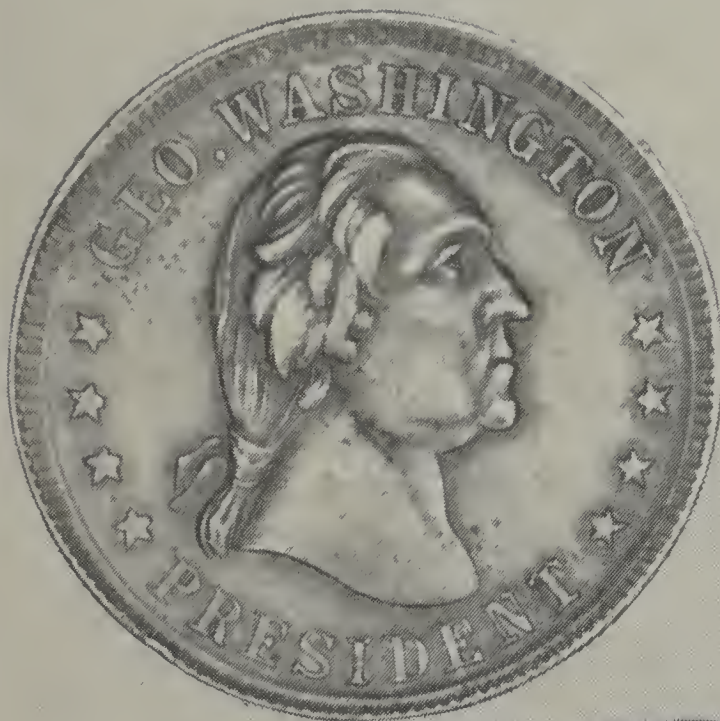
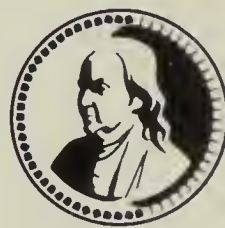






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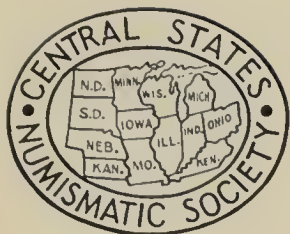
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Detroit Set to Welcome Central States, May 9-12

The attention of collectors from all across the country will focus on Detroit, Michigan, as the Central States Numismatic Society raises the curtain on its 32nd annual convention, May 10-11-12, marking the Society's 35th anniversary. Site of the convention will be the Detroit Hilton Hotel.

Sharing the anniversary spotlight will be the convention's host club, the Detroit Coin Club, celebrating its 50th year of organized numismatics.

Generally considered second — in size and scope — only to the annual conventions of the American Numismatic Association, the 1974 CSNS gathering again promises to attract the leading "names" of the hobby and to offer a well diversified program . . . "Something of interest for all," according to Dan Parker, convention general chairman. (A tentative convention program is offered for your convenience on page 3 of this issue. Conventioneers are urged to consult

(See Convention, page 13)

About the Cover

A solitary token, reminiscent of Civil War days, serves to introduce Doug Watson's review of historically significant token issues of a long-gone era Page 14.

Death Claims Ohio Dealer, CSNS Vice President Sol Kaplan

One of the nation's top coin dealers, Sol Kaplan, 74, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Jan. 31, at Good Samaritan Hospital after suffering a stroke two



Sol Kaplan

days earlier. During his 34-year career as a dealer in stamps and coins, Kaplan had been very active in a number of collector and dealer organizations,

including the Professional Numismatic Association and the Central States Numismatic Society.

In 1955, Mr. Kaplan was instrumental in the formation of PNG and was chosen as its first president, an office he filled until 1960, when he was elevated to executive vice president. He served in that post until 1964. He was elected to the PNG board of governors in 1971.

Because of his many years of work for the PNG, Mr. Kaplan was awarded life membership number 2 in that organization on Oct. 10, 1968.

In 1961, Mr. Kaplan formed the Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Foundation, which provided exhibit trophies to major collecting organizations on an annual basis. The Reagan Fund also provided numismatic literature to a number of schools.

Other milestones in his career included arrangement for the Grand Duke Mikhailovich Collection to be acquired by the Smithsonian Institution, and the handling of a large portion of the collection of Egypt's King Farouk for American customers in 1954. At that time, he acquired one of the five-known 1913 Liberty nickels for the sum of \$3,900. The coin has since gone up in value to more than \$100,000.

Mr. Kaplan served several times as

president of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association, and was named to seven terms on the Central States board of governors. He received the CSNS Medal of Merit in 1962. He also served on a number of ANA committees.

During the late 1960s, he was an instructor of numismatics at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

In addition to membership in a number of coin-related groups, Mr. Kaplan held memberships in the Cincinnati Club, Cuvier Press Club and the Masons.

He was born in Odessa, Russia, Dec. 24, 1899.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Vivian (Morris) Kaplan, a daughter, Syrinda Lee, 18, at home, and two daughters by a previous marriage, Ruth Amborsius of Cincinnati and Joan Wallace of California; and four grandchildren.

Burial was in the Hirsch-Hoferth Cemetery near Cincinnati, Feb. 3.

Mr. Kaplan's business will be conducted for an indefinite time by his long-time friend and business associate, A. Kosoff of Palm Springs, Calif. Customers with pending transactions with Kaplan can address inquiries to his office at 1103 Transit Bldg., 6 East 4th St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

FUTURE C.S.N.S. CONVENTIONS

May 9-12, 1974 Hilton Hotel Detroit, Michigan
Chairman: Daniel C. Parker, 657 Mullett St., Detroit, Michigan 48226

April 24-27, 1975 Muehlebach Hotel Kansas City, Missouri
Chairman: Ray O. Lefman, 412 S. Van Brunt, Kansas City, Missouri 64124

Dates to be announced, 1976 Chicago, Illinois
Chairman: To be announced.

Dates to be announced, 1977 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Chairman: A. P. "Del" Bertschy, 714 E. Glendale Ave.,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

NOTE TO CLUB OFFICIALS: Interested in hosting a future SCNS convention? It's not too early to begin thinking about 1978! Just remember to submit your invitation in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer.

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Program

Wednesday, May 8 — 2:00 p.m. — Security Room open to dealers and exhibitors.

Thursday, May 9 — 9:00 a.m. — Bourse Room open to PNG dealers.

10:00 a.m. — PNG Bourse open to the public.

5:30 p.m. — PNG Bourse closes.

Friday, May 10 — 9:00 a.m. — Bourse Room open to dealers only.

9:00 a.m. — CSNS Convention Registration.

10:00 a.m. — Bourse & Exhibit Rooms open.

10:00 a.m. — Hospitality Room open to convention badge holders only.

1:00 p.m. — CSNS Officers & Board of Governors meeting.

1:30 p.m. — Coin Auction (First Session) by RARCOA, Michigan Room.

7:30 p.m. — Coin Auction (Second Session) by RARCOA, Michigan Room.

9:30 p.m. — Registration, Bourse, Exhibit & Hospitality Rooms close.

Saturday, May 11 — 9:30 a.m. — Bourse Room open to dealers only.

9:30 a.m. — Registration.

10:00 a.m. — Bourse, Exhibit & Hospitality Rooms open.

10:30 a.m. — CSNS Annual General Meeting.

1:30 p.m. — Coin Auction (Final Session) by RARCOA, Michigan Room.

2:30 p.m. — Early American Coppers organization meeting.

4:00 p.m. — Educational Forum.

6:00 p.m. — Registration, Bourse, Exhibit & Hospitality Rooms close.

7:00 p.m. — Dutch-Treat Cocktail Hour, Statler Room foyer.

8:30 p.m. — CSNS Awards Banquet, Statler Room.

Sunday, May 12 — 9:30 a.m. — Bourse Room open to dealers only.

10:00 a.m. — Bourse, Exhibit and Hospitality Rooms open.

10:30 a.m. — CSNS Officers & Board of Governors meeting.

5:30 p.m. — 35th Anniversary CSNS Convention closes.

Monday, May 13 — 12:00 noon — Security Room closes.

(Please consult the Convention Information Desk for those events, times and locations not listed above.)

GUEST

EDITORIAL

The Moving Finger Writes

The Greatest Collector of All took two intense gentlemen unto himself recently. It appeared as though it were almost by design that two inseparable friends in life, former American Numismatic Association president, C. C. (Tim) Shroyer, and Sol Kaplan, both professional numismatists, were taken by death within three months of each other. Mr. Shroyer died in Toledo Nov. 23, and it was his friend, Sol, who notified Coin World. By Jan. 31, Mr. Kaplan himself was gone.

Mr. Shroyer led the ANA during the years of 1961 and 1962. Both of the friends were pioneers in the Professional Numismatic Guild, Inc., Mr. Kaplan one of the co-founders, and Mr. Shroyer member No. 1.

As a team, they operated many a bourse table at conventions all over the country. Their familiar faces will be missed, but the contributions each made for the good of numismatics are well documented and lasting.



It's Our Turn Now

Well, so far in recent months President Nixon has proclaimed National Nurse, National Port, International Clergy, Human Rights, National City-Farm, National Forest Products, Drug Abuse Prevention, National School Lunch Weeks, American Heart Month, National Missing In Action Awareness, Bill of Rights, Wright Brothers, National Film, Veterans, National Prayer Days.

We have no quarrel with the worthiness of these agencies and their place in the presidential proclamation sun, although there is doubt in many a mind as to the effectiveness or sense of such declarations.

But in our opinion, if such proclamations are the order of the day, then National Coin Week, 1974, April 21-27, the 50th anniversary of the federally-chartered American Numismatic Association-sponsored event, deserves a presidential proclamation. Two thousand years from now we fear most of the causes now so recognized will be lost to the oblivion of time, even though many of them ought to be preserved as a reflection of our culture. But the coins will outlast best. Remember, they outlasted Tiberius. . . .

— The Editors
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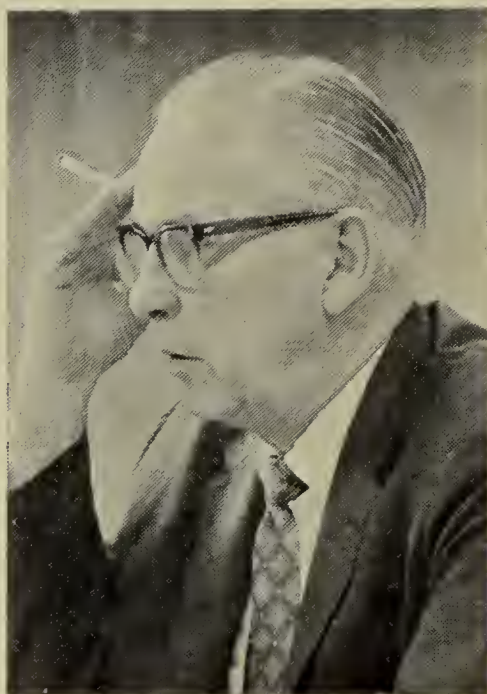
When you receive this issue of **The Centinel**, I will have only a few days more to serve as President of Central States. For me it has been a great honor and privilege to serve these past two years. I feel that Central States once again has established itself as one of the high ranking numismatic organizations of the country. We have accomplished this only through the hard work on the part of every member of the "official family" along with the members themselves.

Our conventions, once again, have become one of the highlights of the hobby, and the future looks as bright as it has for the past four years.

We have had some reverses, mainly with the passing of Dr. F. S. Epps, whom we all loved and respected and who held the Society together through thick and thin. We will always remember Doc, I am sure. And as all good organizations must do, we had to find a replacement to succeed Doc. We were fortunate to have had Oliver W. Horton available to step into Doc's big shoes, and he is doing a marvelous job. I am sure that in time to come, he will enjoy the respect of all of us, just as did Doc. Oliver has had a rough time getting things in shape. It was a tremendous job that he assumed, and it takes time to get everything in place and running smoothly, but I am sure that by next convention-time he will have everything under his command.

Another reverse keenly felt was the passing of our beloved Sol Kaplan who will be elected First Vice-President of Central States posthumously. It was a pleasure to know Sol; I have known

many pleasant times with him. His love for Central States was legendary and he was always available when-



David L. Cooper

ever I called him regarding Central States affairs. We have lost a great CSNS booster.

I am sure that each and every member of Central States will continue to help our new President Daniel C. Parker. He has been a busy man getting our Detroit convention together, and he will need all the help he can get in the coming years.

Again, I would like to express my thanks for the help that I have received from all our Central States members during the past two years.

Let's get together in Detroit!

— DAVID L. COOPER
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE

SECRETARY

In each of the past three issues of *The Centinel*, we have had to report a sadness in the death of a well known numismatist and either Officer or Past Officer of Central States . . . Dr. F. Stevens Epps, C. C. "Tim" Shroyer, and now Sol Kaplan, our Second Vice-President and candidate for First Vice-President.



Oliver W. Horton

Nominations of Officers and Governors closed last November and the ballots were in the process of being printed at the time of Sol's death. Consequently his name will appear on your ballot. Any action on this matter will have to be taken at the Detroit convention.

I hope to see many of you at this year's convention. Every one should be planning to be in attendance and by now should have mailed the hotel reservation cards that I sent along

with the January issue of *The Centinel*.

The bourse table situation in Detroit is very bad, and I have received many letters from dealers who have not received their usual table applications. The reason? Quite simple: Not enough table space to go around. No dealer has been overlooked or slighted for any particular reason. Dan Parker, convention chairman, has been "out" of tables since early last Fall. The Detroit Hilton simply can not handle all the dealers who wish table space.

As I have said in the past, we are going to have to take a very good and long look at future convention sites, so as to properly accommodate our dealer-members and to properly stage the type of convention to which our Society has grown accustomed.

We have a By-Laws change listed in this issue which must be voted on at the Membership Meeting in Detroit. Please plan to attend the Saturday morning meeting.

During the convention I will be at the CSNS table located near the registration area, so please come by and say hello. Also, I will be anxious to collect 1974 dues, and to assist in signing up applicants for CSNS membership!

— OLIVER W. HORTON
Secretary-Treasurer

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

New Members Since The January, 1974, Issue of THE CENTINEL

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2515	Benjamin A. Lambert, Jr.	Milton, Mass.
2516-J	Stevin Maginnis	Sault St. Marie, Mich.
2517	Ed Quagliana	Malvern, Pa.
2518	William B. Slate	Sterling Heights, Mich.
2519	James R. Skwarek	Milwaukee, Wis.
2520	Alice L. Anderson	Caro, Mich.
2521	Bill Kiszely	Lansing, Mich.
2522	Michael J. Westerman	Detroit, Mich.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP — Converted from Regular Membership

LM 120	Timothy I. Marcy	Jamestown, N. D.
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Correction To Membership Application

The Membership Applications listing in the January issue of *The Centinel* listed the name of Robert Karler of Albuquerque, New Mexico, under membership application No. 2503. This was an error! Mr. Karler is a member of past years, and his dues were collected and turned in, by a Governor, as being a new applicant. My sincere apologies.—OWH.

- NOTICE -

OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF CENTRAL STATES NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The governing Board of Central States Numismatic Society hereby recommends the following amendment to the By-Laws.

Article 5, Section 3, should be amended to read as follows:

“An Interim meeting of the Governing Board shall be called by the President, and held approximately six (6) months after the Annual Convention, and within the CSNS area, preferably in conjunction with a State or Regional Convention.”

The above amendment will be voted upon at the membership meeting to be

held at the Detroit Hilton Hotel, 1565 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, on Saturday, May 11, 1974, at 10:00 a.m.

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Sponsors Sought For ANA Seminar

Summer seminar scholarship funds for young collectors are being solicited again this year by the American Numismatic Association Young Numismatist Committee.

The association's sixth seminar will be held July 7-13 in cooperation with Colorado College at Colorado Springs, Colo. The fee for the 1974 session has not been set but is expected to be about \$145, including dormitory lodging and meals for six days and nights, tuition and scheduled field trips.

Scholarships, we have been advised, should cover these expenses plus air fare (tourist class) from the junior collectors home town to Colorado Springs, estimated by the committee to average \$350.

Eight business firms, organizations and individuals provided scholarships for youngsters to attend the 1973 seminar; students came from Atlanta, Ga.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Downey and Susanville, Calif.; Grinnell, Iowa; Lubbock, Tex.; New Canaan, Conn., and Quincy, Mass.

Sponsors were Albert H. Wohlers & Co., Insurance; Coin Investments, Inc.; The Franklin Mint; A. Kosoff; Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Foundation; Numismatic News Weekly; Tokén & Medal Society, and World-Wide Coin Investments, Ltd.

"Scholarships to the seminar are tax deductible as donations to a nonprofit education organization and sponsors will receive recognition in The Numismatist and other publications," it was reported.

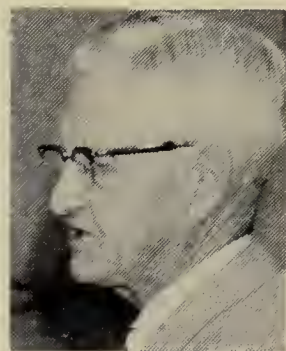
Anyone who wishes to provide a scholarship is asked to contact Kenneth L. Hallenbeck, Jr., chairman, Young Numimatist Committee, 1141 W. Lexington Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46807, or the ANA executive director, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901.

Collectors 11 to 17 years old may apply for scholarships.

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Wisconsin's Arthur Giere On-The-Go At Age 88

Eighty-eight-year young numismatist Arthur Giere left his busy Galesville, Wis., law office to visit Tacoma, Wash., recently, where he taught at Pacific Lutheran University from 1911 to 1912.



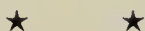
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The tireless advocate of hobbies for everybody and specialist in Canadian numismatics, in his lifetime has earned two doctorates; mastered in five languages; practiced law in two states, for a total of 62 years; written more than 800 magazine articles, and composed 350 versions of the Lord's Prayer.

Giere, with his son and law partner, Rolf, participated in PLU alumni reunion activities, speaking at the banquet there.

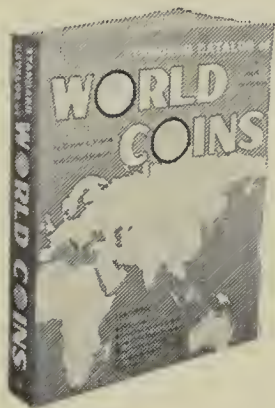
His longevity formula: "I walk two miles a day, practice law, meet a lot of people every day, have a fight with a judge now and then and just generally have a pretty good time.

"I hope I never have to retire," he added.



Plan Second Printing of '74 World Coin Catalog

Collector demand for the 1974 edition of the **Standard Catalog of World Coins** has out-paced market projections, a parallel situation to the experience with the first edition of 1972. To satisfy this unanticipated demand



the publisher has announced the scheduling of an additional printing of this second edition.

"It was our feeling from the very first that the catalog was badly needed, and would be well received," publisher Chester L. Krause stated as he announced the second printing, "but demand has continually exceeded our most optimistic expectations. As of mid-February we have distributed more than 95-percent of the initial second edition printing."

Krause indicated the second printing will be available by late March. An earlier printing was not possible, he noted, because the current paper

shortage requires at least a 90 day lead on paper production. Orders for **1974 Standard Catalogs** will be filled with first printing copies or a first come, first served basis until the warehouse stock is depleted.

"Looking to the future," Krause added, "a third edition will not be available for marketing for at least a year. We will soon begin work on another complete revision of the work, and a job of that magnitude requires at least a year to complete. At the present time we are anticipating release of the third edition sometime in early 1975."

The second printing of the 1974 edition will feature selected revisions, Krause revealed, which serve to improve the accuracy and usefulness of the reference. These will range from minor corrections of date listings, to revisions in Yeoman number assignments, selected corrections in valuations and photographic improvements.

The 864 page **Standard Catalog of World Coins** presents detailed coverage of the coinages of more than 270 nations from the mid-1800s to 1973. It is keyed to visual coin identification and features more than 17,000 original coin photos. It also includes detailed coverage of 20th century non-circulating legal tender coin issues.



Michigan Club's Show Funds Scholarship

Proceeds from the annual Fenton, Mich., Land O Lakes Coin Club show are given as a scholarship to a high school graduate. The money is to be used for further education in a college, trade school or business school.

This is the third year for the plan. First honor went to a girl and the second to a boy, with the first recipient getting further money. The club has a special scholarship account for this purpose.

CSNS Members Have 'Their Day' On Assay Commission

The nation's coinage and the nation's coin collectors both made impressive showings February 13, when the 1974 U.S. Assay Commission convened at the Philadelphia Mint.

The Commission's function was to analyze the composition of Uncle Sam's coins and to verify their compliance with government standards — and to no one's surprise, the coins in the assay samples were found to be completely "up to snuff."

This year, however, the Commission itself generated much interest, since all 25 public members were numismatists, making this the most hobby-oriented U.S. Assay Commission in history and underscoring the mutual esteem now held by the people who produce the nation's coins and the

people who collect them.

David L. Cooper of St. Louis, Mo., president of CSNS, was chosen to head the counting committee, while Harold L. Bushey, Barbourville, Ky., headed the weighing committee.

Other CSNS area persons appointed to the Commission by President Nixon were Richard J. Heer, Columbus, Ohio; Jerry W. Hildebrand, St. Louis, Mo.; Philip F. Keller, Canton, Ohio; and Stewart B. Koppel, Aurora, Ill.

In the photo below, Dave Cooper presents the report of the counting committee which he headed. Others shown (from the left) are Dr. Harold L. Bushey; Sam Butland of Washington, D.C.; and Charles G. Colver of Covina, Calif. (Photo by Herman Gerchoff.)

Members of the 1974 Assay Commission were presented pewter specimens of a specially designed two-inch medal (shown below), not available to the general public.



The ABCs of Numismatics

— by Daniel C. Parker



Part 5 More On Exhibits

Although we have only “skimmed the surface,” I believe that we now are to the D’s or E’s of our favorite subject of numismatics.

Several exhibitors, neophytes, have asked the question, “Do you recommend inserting information, pertaining to the exhibit, on ordinary typewritten cards?” The answer must be qualified: If you are a skilled typist, by all means! If not, try persuading someone who may have access to an electric typewriter to type your information or captions for you. The letters will be evenly struck, and with some planning, spacing can be very neatly arranged. Just remember that a poorly typed page can be just as irritating or disgusting to your reader as a badly hand-written piece.

Now, what to use for titles to the exhibit?

Several quite impressive types of lettering are commonly used. Try visiting your neighborhood “5 & 10” store. Many have a type of foil lettering which presses out of a sheet. Using a straight edge, you can construct a very handsome heading or leader for your exhibit. If you wish to be more elaborate, visit your local camera shop. Better shops stock home movie supplies, including titling materials, such as plastic lettering that gives a three dimensional effect.

We come now to the placement of the material to be displayed. Two things should come into consideration. First, the general impression you wish to create (neatness plus over-all pattern). Second, arrangement according to date. Maintain a continuity either by date or by locality of the country issuing the coin. As a suggestion to those considering exhibits of medals, begin with the most common and move progressively to the ultimate. With coins, begin with the lowest denomination and move to the highest. However, reserve a choice location for the rarity so that it may be highlighted within the display.

Over the years, we have found that outlining an exhibit on a table top, using the actual dimensions of the case, allows one to arrange and rearrange — until YOU have achieved the layout most pleasing to YOU. After all, you, too, have discrimination and good judgment — or else you would not have become a numismatist!

There may be times when the new collector wins the top award on his first try. This does not happen often! Do not lose heart nor be discouraged should you place well down in the standings. Scan your score sheet very carefully. Judges mark according to what they honestly feel and think about an exhibit. You can see where the judges felt there was room for improvement. Then the next time you

prepare to exhibit, improve on the low-rated part of your exhibit.

Only the very affluent collector or specialist can afford to own two identical coins of each issue to be exhibited, although it behooves you to show both obverse and reverse, if at all possible. We have seen coins mounted in simple, self-made holders that were bent from paper clips. These, then, were mounted over a small mirror which enabled the viewer (as well as the judge!) to see both sides of each coin.

Too often one sees exhibits that win prizes "copied" at the very next show. As a judge, we wonder why some exhibitors don't make an attempt at some originality. We all have differences in taste. Why not display the difference by our own design, pattern, or arrangement?

Most important, be as gracious a loser as you would be a winner. Nothing, but nothing, is as irritating to a judge, who has done his very best to be fair and impartial, than a "sore head" exhibitor! This, at times, makes good judges very hard to find. They give of their time, effort, and experience, so be grateful for the job they do. They will teach you a great deal — IF you view your scores objectively.

In conclusion, good luck with your exhibit, and view it — win or lose — as an experience!!

Convention —

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the official convention souvenir program or inquire at the information desk for events, times or locations not listed herein.)

With the cooperation of the Professional Numismatists Guild, Thursday, May 9, has been designated "PNG Day" with approximately 40 dealer-members participating. Open to collectors without charge, "Your interest in numismatics is your passport," according to John J. Smies, PNG executive secretary.

Due to the limited space offered by the convention hotel, the '74 CSNS bourse will be found to be somewhat smaller than normally expected. The bourse room at the Detroit Hilton will accommodate only about 75 dealers, considerably under the 100-plus dealers at recent Central States conventions. Needless to say, the available bourse tables for the Detroit convention have long been "sold out" and many dealer applications have had to be rejected. Society officials will be studying the bourse situation at Detroit and undoubtedly will take the necessary action to prevent any similar recurrence at future conventions.

Contrary to the limited bourse space, exhibitors are advised that some space still exists for the placement of displays in exhibit competition. Six classifications may be entered: U.S. coins, foreign coins, gold coins, paper money, miscellaneous material, plus a special Junior category. Exhibitors must be members of the Society. Applications may be secured by writing to the Exhibit Chairman, CSNS Convention, 657 Mullet St., Detroit, Mich. 48226.

Awards to exhibitors, as well as other Society honors will be presented during the Saturday evening Awards Banquet which will be highlighted with strolling musicians!

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The Civil War Relived

by doug watson



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The United States Government issued the first Green Backs plus the fractional currency.

Numerous emergency issues were introduced to the public during the war. Early in 1862, the general public, anticipating a rise in the value of metals, commenced hoarding gold coin until it completely disappeared from circulation. Silver was the next metal to follow the course and it, too, became a non-existent medium of exchange. It was but logical for the public to reason that copper would go to a premium, and we have evidence on the fact—that copper became a semi-precious metal—for one of the tokens issued you'll find inscribed "Copper 20 percent premium." The copper coins disappeared from circulation almost overnight. Merchants were so handicapped in their daily business transactions that they turned to other means for a medium of exchange.

One of the merchants' first attempts to overcome this encumbrance was with the use of the common postage stamp as a medium of exchange. This proved to be unsatisfactory as they soon became worn and unfit for use. Next the merchants placed the stamps in small envelopes, usually with the



mount printed on one side along with the merchant's name and advertisement. These were more durable than the stamps themselves, but this still wasn't the answer to the coin shortage.

In 1862, J. Gault invented an ingenious holder for housing a single postage stamp. These encased postage stamps were manufactured by the Covill Manufacturing Co. in Watertown, Connecticut. They were issued in denominations of from one to ninety cents. The front of the cases had a mica face for viewing the stamps denominated. On the reverse was the merchant's name and advertisement. This proved to be an excellent idea for protecting the stamp, but impractical as far as change was concerned because the stamp still cost its face value plus the cost of manufacturing the case.

Cardboard chits of various denominations and merchant's scrip (usually backed by the merchant's association) saw limited usage due to its frailty.

Probably the most convenient and practical method of making change was the use of tokens which were generally the weight and size of the small bronze cent it replaced.

The engravers, either from their own initiative or at the earnest solicitation of the trades people, commenced making dies, and struck tokens in unlimited quantities. These were

initially introduced in Cincinnati in the fall of 1862, and at the beginning of 1863 in New York City by Gustavus Lindenmueller, a saloon keeper. William Bridgens, a die-cutter whose name appears on a number of pieces, then issued the famous Knickerbockers currency, which were struck in large quantities.

John Stanton, brand and diecutter of Cincinnati, Ohio, issued the following advertising sheet pertaining to Civil War tokens: "Copper Cards, Sir: Your attention is respectfully called to the copper cards that I am manufacturing for merchants and businessmen generally. They are made of pure copper, the size of a cent, of nearly its intrinsic value, are beautifully finished — equally coin in workmanship — and are the most attractive and durable cards that can be used. Having made them during the past years in quantities amounting in the aggregate to millions, I can recommend them as a very popular advertising medium and a profitable one to those who use them. The border of this circular is printed with dies that have been used for stamping the copper cards, and these specimens will give a perfect idea of the amount of lettering that can be used on them. If you should think favorably of advertising your business in this way, I can furnish you these cards with your business address on one side, and some neat design such as the Indian head on the other

at \$10.00 for the first 1000 and \$8.00 for each additional 1000. When lettering is wanted on both sides of a card or some design such as a hat, watch, boots, and shoes, boxes, barrels, etc., an additional charge of from \$2.00 to \$5.00 will be made for the extra side. A specimen will be sent to any per-



son wishing to see one before ordering."

Civil War die-sinkers can be placed in two classes: the one class of engravers still persisted in making their dies the size of the large copper cents, which were discontinued in 1857; the other group adhered to making their coins the size of the contemporary cents. The first group were invariably engravers of German descent, for instance C. Kleinstauber of Milwaukee, the Lindenmueller card, designed by Roloff of New York, and Lang of Worcester, Mass.

There were two distinct types of tokens issued, the Patriotic being one, and Storecards the other.



Patriotics generally bore a patriotic symbol on one side and a slogan on the other, such as: "Union For Ever," "The Flag of Our Union," "The Federal Union Must and Shall Be Preserved," "Army and Navy," and "Peace Forever" — just to mention a few. Portraits of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin

Franklin and General George McClellan were used on quite a number of the Patriotic pieces.

A most interesting example of the Patriotic variety is found in the "DIX" token. In January of 1861, John A. Dix, New York City's postmaster, gave up his position to become the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States during the waning months of Buchanan's administration. President Buchanan had previously offered him the office of Secretary of War, which he promptly declined.

It was during his tenure in office as Secretary of Treasury that he issued his famous order. Preceding the issuance of the order, a large amount of government property in the South was being seized by the local authorities. Secretary Dix sent a request to Cap-



tain Breshwood of the Revenue Cutter McClelland to secure his ship for the Government. This Breshwood refused to do, whereupon Dix sent the following order:

"Treasury Department, January 29, 1861. — Tell Lieutenant Caldwell to arrest Captain Breshwood, assuming command of the Cutter, and obey the order I gave through you. If Captain Breshwood, after arrest, undertakes to interfere with the command of the cutter, tell Lt. Caldwell to consider him as a mutineer and treat him accordingly. If anyone attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot. (Signed) John A. Dix."

General Winfield Scott, head of the army, and Secretary of War Edwin Stanton approved the measure wholeheartedly. Dix did not even mention the order to the President, as he most likely would have been against it.

Die 414 is a very popular one among collectors as it reads, SHOOT HIM ON THE SPOOT (instead of spot). Because of its popularity it generally commands more of a premium than other "Dix" tokens of the same rarity.

George and Melvin Fuld in their book, "Patriotic Civil War Tokens," list over 1500 different varieties.

The storecard or Tradesmen's tokens had the merchant's name and advertisement on one side and, occasionally, on the other some sort of symbol of the trade such as a hat, mortar and pestle, stove, watch, saddle, to mention but a few. Businessmen from all walks of life issued these interesting cards. There were butchers, bakers, candlestick makers, brewers, milliners, paper hangers, coin dealers, hucksters, insurance agents, doctors and oyster dealers plus numerous other occupations. Nearly 1500 merchants from 23 states issued over 8500 different varieties of the storecards.

Of the 23 states issuing tokens, 17 were from the North, 3 from the South, and the 3 remaining were border states. The tokens from the North are the most common, with a few exceptions. The most prolific state being Ohio, with 104 towns issuing close to 3000 different varieties. On the other hand the states of Kansas, New Hampshire, Alabama, and Virginia had only one issuing merchant.



All in all, not less than 25,000,000 of the tokens were placed in circulation, which was more than satisfactory to satisfy the hunger of the coin-starved public.

The majority of both the Patriotics and Storecards were struck in copper,

but the following metals were also used: brass, copper-nickel, white metal, zinc plated copper, lead, silver, nickel, German-silver, rubber, and silver plated copper.

In virtually all cases, the off-metals of both series are extremely rare, only a limited number having been struck. Undoubtedly most of the off-metals were struck after the war with the col-



lector in mind, as the rusty dies used will attest to this fact. In almost all cases less than 20 sets were struck, often many less. It should be pointed out that although most Civil War tokens were struck in copper, a number of the Storecards regularly were struck in brass (for instance, the Boutwell cards of Troy, New York) or lead (Hasting's cards of New York City). Also in many cases the tokens were struck over other coins or tokens. These may have been other Civil War tokens, or in some cases copper-nickel cents dated from 1857 to 1863 (regular Government issues — there is even a report of an overstrike on an 1856 Flying Eagle cent) or over U.S. dimes in the 1850's. The overstrikes on cents, dimes and quarters are avidly sought after by collectors.

Generally the tokens were accepted as one cent, however there are some exceptions such as: One half pint of milk, One loaf of bread, Good for a glass of beer, One glass of soda, and Redeemable in sums of 5 cents or more in postal currency.

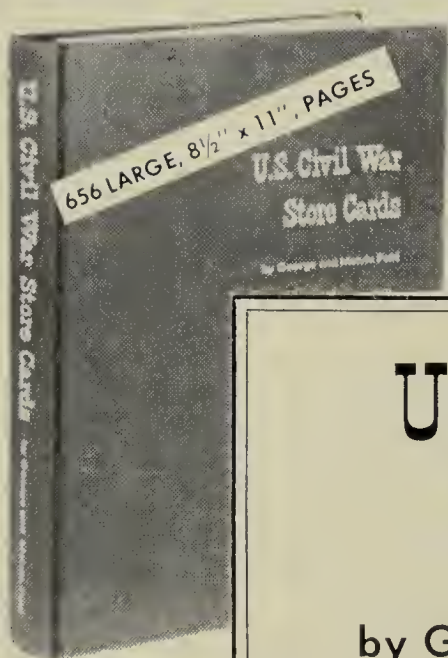
Civil War tokens were undoubtedly a source of great relief and convenience, but their irresponsible nature soon attracted the attention of the Federal Government. Director Pollack

of the United States Mint, in his 1863 report, said that these coins contained only about one-fifth of a cents worth of copper, a tidy profit for the issuing merchant.

It was probably the famous Lindenmueller incident that forced the Government to put a halt to the further issuance of the tokens. It seems that the Third Avenue Railway had acquired quite a number of his tokens for fares, when Lindenmueller was approached by the Railway for redemption, the saloon keeper laughingly refused. As a result, in April, 1864, Congress passed the following bill: Sec. 5, Public Documents 53, which reads as follows: "And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons shall make use of, pass, or cause to be made, issued or passed, any coin, card or token, or device whatsoever, in metal or its compounds intended to pass or be passed for a one-cent piece

or a two-cent piece, such person or persons shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and by imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years." This act was approved April 22, 1864, and it practically stopped the further issuance of these interesting tokens.

In 1967, a group of interested collectors formed the Civil War Token Society. The goal of the Society is to stimulate and maintain interest in the field of Civil War token collecting. A quarterly publication features informative and historical articles, in-depth studies, auctions, and auction reports. Persons interested in this exciting facet of numismatics can obtain more information by writing the Society's secretary: Gail Levine, 6222 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, Va. 22312.



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Bananas and Coins

—by Clement F. Bailey



Katanga was a province in the Republic of Congo (Leopoldville) when that country declared independence from Belgium in June of 1960. Within two weeks Katanga set up its own idea of a republic.

There are those who will debate the merits of the banana coins as being coins, and they cite the fact that Katanga was never really a country! To confuse the issue further, it should be mentioned that the Republic of Congo (Leopoldville) should not be mixed up with the Republic of Congo (Brazzaville). In fact, they were pretty confused about the whole thing too, and finally the Republic of Congo (Leopoldville) changed its name to the Republic of Zaire and the name of Leopoldville was changed to Kinshasa!

The coins (?) in question are the 1 and 5 franc copper pieces issued in 1961, as well as a gold 5 franc piece with the same year date. These were one-shot pieces for Katanga which, as a country, lasted from mid-1960 to January, 1963.

They carried the banana design, and as a one-shot issue which is now obsolete, it is calculated that bananas will be remembered a lot longer than Katanga!

Bananas slid forward on the design motif scale when the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations started their "food for all" coinage.

The eight coins of the East Caribbean Authority which feature the theme of food also carry bananas. They are the \$1 coins of 1970 from Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts (Christopher)-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent. Other theme coins for the FAO with bananas were issues from Burundi, Somalia, and the very latest from Bangladesh.

And would you believe: It takes quite a few "skins" to collect those metal bananas!

Bananas, as a design feature on coins, probably would never win the design idea of the week or month or even the year. Nevertheless that didn't stop coin designers from placing the elongated fruit on coinage.

One of the notable efforts was the banana design used for the coinage of Katanga. It doesn't make any difference in which direction you look at the subject, it still comes out with a lot of confusion factors involved!

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Mint Director Speaks At Illinois Conclave

Bicentennial coinage and a related contest were discussed by Mrs. Mary T. Brooks, director of the U.S. Mint, as speaker at a breakfast banquet during the recent Illinois Numismatic Association convention in Joliet.

Mrs. Brooks has traveled far and wide to explain details of the competition to obtain appropriate commemorative designs for the dollar, half dollar and quarter.

New Illinois association officers were installed at the breakfast session by Mrs. Virginia Culver, Thiensville, Wis., president of the American Numismatic Association.

They were Jack Huggins, president; Larry Camp, vice president; Ron Murphy, secretary; Billy Lamb, treasurer, and Lee Marsh, Frank St. Louis, Joe Mileham, Bill Miller and Bob Leonard, directors. Huggins succeeded Bob Ruhs. Greg Ruhs is the new ANA representative.

The Best of Show Award went to Dale Richeson, and Gene Wolf received honors for the most educational exhibit.

First place awards were won by Maurice Burgett for paper money; Orville Munzer, U.S. coins; Dale Richeson, gold; Dr. John Tilton, foreign; Stewart Koppel, medals; Gene Wolf, miscellaneous; and Sue Smitana, junior exhibits.

Host Will County Coin Club reports that 1,900 persons attended.

Glenn Smedley introduced educational forum speakers Harlan Berk,

William Pettit and Richard Yeoman. Dan Harley represented The Franklin Mint, Franklin Center, Pa., with films and a display.

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Omaha Coin Club Plans For State Convention

The Omaha Coin Club has announced plans to host the Nebraska Numismatic Association's 19th annual convention, May 4-5, at the Hilton Hotel, 16th & Dodge Streets, in Omaha.

Featuring a bourse of 32 dealers, numerous exhibits from numerous states, and activities for the ladies, the convention will host meetings of the Missouri Valley Wooden Money Society, and the Nebraska Vecturists. The annual meeting of NNA is also planned.

The installation of officers and the presentation of exhibit awards will take place during Saturday evening's banquet with James McKee, MC. Featured speaker will be Chester L. Krause, publisher of **Numismatic News Weekly** and other hobby related publications.

Sunday's activities will be highlighted by a slide presentation on the Trans-Mississippi Exposition held in Omaha in 1898. Gene Mueller and Leonard Owen are credited for the research and preparation of the educational presentation.

No admission fee will be charged. Further information be had by writing: Nebraska Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 1212, D.T.S., Omaha, Nebraska 68101.

Badger State Numismatists To Meet in Milwaukee, May 4-5

The 1974 Numismatists of Wisconsin (NOW) convention will be held at the Waukesha County Exposition Center, May 4-5, with the Waukesha Coin Club serving as host.

A bourse of 60 dealers will make this the largest conclave in Wisconsin state convention history. Special attractions will include the Franklin Mint display and three different movies on medals. The General Services Administration will be on hand with their Carson City silver dollar exhibit, as well as movies.

A new feature to Wisconsin numismatic events will be an elongated coin rolling machine on the floor rolling a coin especially designed for the convention.

Scheduled forum speakers include George D. Hatic, ANA Vice President; Tom Jones, President of Michigan State Numismatic Society; and Doug Watson, staff member of Krause Publications.

A Sunday morning awards breakfast will be held at the Waukesha Holiday Inn at 9:00 a.m.

To commemorate the show, the 1974 edition of the NOW medals has been struck, depicting elements of the official City of Waukesha and Waukesha Coin Club seals on the obverse. The traditional NOW emblem dominates the reverse. Priced (postpaid) at \$1.50 for the golden bronze version and \$3.50 for the antiqued nickel-silver, the medals may be obtained from the Waukesha Coin Club, P.O. Box 509, Brookfield, Wis. 53005.

Prospective exhibitors and dealers are invited to contact the convention chairman, Kurt R. Krueger, P.O. Box 9, North Prairie, Wis. 53153.

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St. Louis Collectors Hear About Stevensons' Travels

Telling of a recent trip into South America, Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson, members of the Missouri Numismatic Society, St. Louis, appeared before their fellow members. For illustration the couple used slides, numismatic and native craft items.

On their trip they recalled Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands; Lima, Peru, and Cuzco, site of the ancient Inca Empire. This was centered in the city of Machu-Picchu, where ruins remain of rock put together without mortar.

They related the intricate flying necessary to get into some areas. For instance, Mrs. Stevenson said, flights into Quito, Ecuador, had to be made on a precise schedule in order to have good visibility.

That country, the couple said, quit coin minting in the decade of 1850-1860, possibly due to the high production costs. The U.S. Mint has struck various coins for the country. Rate of exchange at the time of their visit was four cents U.S. to one Ecuadorian sucre.

They said they were intrigued by the plant and animal life on the Galapagos Islands, source of inspiration for Charles Darwin's "Origin of the Species." Coins of the islands are rare in the United States, but Stevenson found some Ecuadorian coins counter-

stamped with "R" or "RA," presumably for Rogelio Alfarado, supposedly a plantation owner who hired labor from a prison colony.

Early Peruvian coinage was discussed, along with showing of some Peruvian notes. Slides showed native customs, dress, crafts, carvings, jewelry and dolls.

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Michigan State Salutes Its Youngest Member

Wooden talers, similar to wooden nickels, have been issued honoring Michigan State Numismatic Society's youngest member, Maria Theresa Salfi, age 7. Specimens may be purchased for 25¢ each or five for \$1 from the Pontiac Coin Club, P. O. Box 442, Pontiac, Mich. 48056.



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St. Louis' Coin Festival Winners Announced

Here are a few of the major award winners at the Missouri Numismatic Society's recently concluded 12th annual Coin Festival in St. Louis.

Top Photo: The donor (left) presented the traditional Eric P. Newman best-of-show trophy to Jack D. Huggins, Sr., for his commemorative gold display.

Center photo: Maurice Burgett (right) received the Roger Munie Educational Award from its donor for a display of Montana bank notes.

Bottom photo: Winners in a special category for juniors under 18 included Jack D. Huggins, Jr. (left) and David W. Huggins. A third winner was Lyndon Davis. Their respective entries were Franklin half dollars, Kennedy half dollars, and Confederate currency.



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More St. Louis Coin Festival Winners

First place award winners at St. Louis' recent 12th annual Coin Festival included (left to right): Harry J. Fechte, "Gold Certificates;" Victor Seibert, "Latvia Coins and Currency;" Jack D. Huggins, Sr., "U.S. Commemorative Gold;" Dr. John Tilton, "Canadian Half Dollars;" and Miss Dolly Piff, "Franklin Mint Apollo Medals." Missing from the photo is Orville Munzer, "Complete Set of Morgan Dollars."

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Leo Terry Named ICC Life Member

Leo Terry received the Indianapolis (Ind.) Coin Club's life membership No. 4 at a recent meeting of the group. Joining the organization in 1942, he has served as its president, vice president, secretary and a director.

Also once serving as show chairman, Terry was awarded Indiana State Numismatic Association membership No. 1 in recognition of his assistance in its organization. He was president of that association in 1958-59. Membership No. 1 in the Kentucky State Numismatic Association for chairmanship of its organizing committee is another of his prizes.

A member of the Central States Numismatic Society and American Numismatic Association, Terry has won numerous awards at all levels and has exhibited at many shows, often noncompetitively because he was a judge.

New officers of the Indianapolis club are Howard Manifold, president; Don Hudson, vice president; C. S. Vandevier, secretary; Jerry Jensen, treasurer; John Sementa, sergeant at arms; Frank Russell, bulletin editor, and Helen Rhodes, Don Wilson and Howard Linville, directors.

Speaker at the meeting was Howard Manifold, who discussed "Indiana Broken Bank Notes." A display of such items was provided by Leon Hendrickson.

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Chicago Coin Club Hosts Annual Dinner

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The 1974 officers are William Pettit, president; Charles Ryant, Jr., first vice president; Art Allen, second vice president; with Alan Feinberg, Lou Nagy, James Budd and Adalbert Birkholz as governors.

Exhibitors at a recent meeting were Gerda Birkholz with Christmas medals on postcards and two medals sculptured by Henry Van Wolf, both de-

pecting the Christmas theme from a religious point of view.

Harry Boosel showed a second Franklin Delano Roosevelt inauguration medal. He told the interesting story of how he had profited from this particular medal.

Margharita Vitali, with special dispensation from acting president Ryant, made application and was voted into the membership at the same meeting.

Starting with its February meeting, the Chicago Coin Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Herman Crown center of Roosevelt University, 431 South Wabash avenue. This is across the street from where meetings have been held for a long time, though the entrance is on Wabash avenue.

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Missouri Numismatic Society Names Convention Committees

The Missouri Numismatic Society of St. Louis recently appointed club personnel to various committees for its annual coin show, August 9-11. Bourse chairman is Bob Knowles. Handling exhibits will be Jack Huggins, Harry Fechte, and Roger Munie.

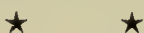
Others named were Dave Cooper, security; Russell Vogelsang and Earl Volz, registration; and Mike Pfefferkorn, Al Wick, and Frank Shea form the "special theme" committee at work on "100th Anniversary of the Eads Bridge."

The show will be staged at the Mariott Hotel in St. Louis.



Louisville Coin Club Installs 1974 Officers

New officers, led by Clifford Jeffries as president, were installed at a recent Louisville, Ky., Coin Club meeting. Richard C. Brown is vice president; Richard Day, recording secretary; and Edna R. Annan, corresponding secretary.



Illinois Numismatists Plan For September Show

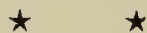
Holiday Inn, Decatur, Ill., is the site of the 14th annual convention of the Illinois Numismatic Association, on Sept. 6-8. The Soy City Coin Club will host the event. This is the second time in three years the convention has been held in Decatur, with more than 5,000 visitors registering in 1972.

More than 40 tables have already been reserved, with several requests from West Coast dealers. Don Fisher is in charge of tables. His address is P.O. Box 21, Decatur, Ill. 62521.

Gary Lonnon is general chairman and may be contacted at the same ad-

dress. Harold Dent will take care of the registrations.

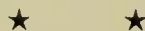
George Newlin and Robert McCrary are planning speakers for the educational program, as well as security. Gary Terrill is arranging a style show for the women guests.



Kansas City Club Installs Officers

Mrs. Gene (Martina) Arthur was installed as president of the Midwest Numismatic Association, Kansas City, Mo. Jack Bradley is first vice president; Dennis Meierotto, second vice president; Charles L. Ross, secretary; Gene Arthur, treasurer; and Robert Audsley, sergeant at arms. Lee Hoffman is the American Numismatic Association representative.

The group holds meetings on the second Wednesday and the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Farm and Home Savings and Loan building, 87th and Blue Ridge. Auctions, awards and educational programs are part of each meeting.



Officers Named At Youngstown Meeting

Edwin Huffman was installed president of the Youngstown, Ohio, Numismatic Club at a recent meeting. Arno Kmentt is first vice-president; William Karelin, second vice-president; Stephanie Winkler, secretary; Helen Potprasky, treasurer; and Charles Dornshuld, sergeant-at-arms.

The club switched its meetings back to the Southern Park mall Community room. Meeting night had to be changed to the fourth Thursday of the month. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for talking and boursing, with the meeting scheduled for 8 p.m.

Officers issued a plea to members for any suggestion thought to improve the club. They said this is the only way more members could be obtained.

Convention —

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Inc. of Chicago, under contract with the Society, has arranged a truly outstanding array of numismatic material for auction. Three auction sessions have been arranged: Friday, May 10 at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 11, at 1:30 p.m. All sessions will be conducted in the Hilton's Michigan Room.

While no complete listing of all auction material can be made in *The Centinel*, the exceptional features must be noted. (Advance copies of the auction catalog — plus list of prices realized — may be secured from RARCOA by sending \$2 to the firm at 31 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. 60602.)

Some of the items featured in the sale will be an outstanding collection of U.S. Large cents, including several 1793 Chain cents, 1793 Liberty Cap and Wreath, 1794 Head of 1793, 1794 (21 varieties), 1795, 1796, and 1797.

Numerous choice and gem examples of 19th and 20th century U.S. type coins will be included, plus a nice selection of Mercury Dimes with a superb frosty 1921, and a virtually complete collection of Walking Liberty Halves in uncirculated condition with all the late date proofs. Included are such rarities as the 1919 P-D-S and

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Members, in addition to enjoying the various social and fraternal aspects of the convention, will have their opportunity to voice their opinions concerning Society business matters when the Annual General Meeting convenes on Saturday morning, May 11, at 10:30 a.m. Results of the 1974 election of Officers and Governors will be announced at this time, along with other matters which must be brought to the attention of the membership.

All in all, what promises to be a great convention awaits you in Detroit! Make your plans to be there, May 9-12.

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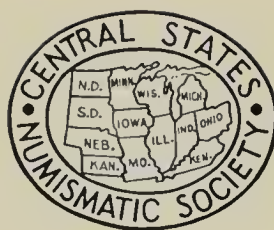
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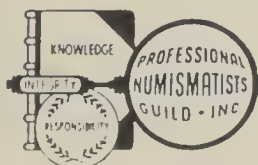
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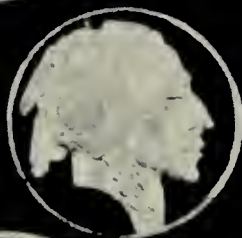
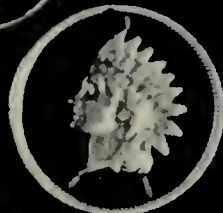
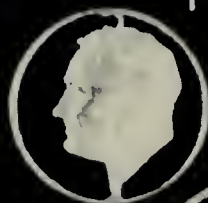
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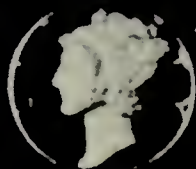
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